(b) Yes, except during 1999-2000.

(c)

Year	Grant (Rs. in Lakhs)	Expenditure (Rs. in Lakhs)
1997-98	4053.00	4090.67
1998-99	4630.55	4643.53
1999-2000	4769.88	4394.93

(d) Funds provided in 1999-2000 could not be utilized due to shortage of bitumen in the month of March, 2000.

(e) This is decided by Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance on year to year basis.

Road accidents on National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

3939. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NHAI is monitoring the number of fatalities on the National Highways in the districts of Rayalseema in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the number of fatalities on National Highways in the districts of Chittoor, Kurnool, Anantpur and Cuddapah in 1999-2000;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to reduce such accidents;

(d) if so, the details of steps taken to reduce accidents;

(e) whether any ambulance service and medical assistance are being provided along the National Higways; and

(f) is so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) and (e) No. Sir, not by NHAI.

(b) and (f) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) NHAI takes into accounts safety aspects in road designs to reduce the accidents.